



## The Fifth Caribbean Junior Volleyball Championship began on Sunday night

Aruba is proud to be host to eight men's volleyball teams from all over the Caribbean for the Caribbean Junior Championships this year. During an opening ceremony in the G.T. ( Betico) Croes Sport Center in Santa Cruz teams from Trinidad & Tobago, Barbados, U.S. Virgin Islands, Netherlands Antilles, Bahamas, Guadeloupe, Jamaica and Aruba paraded around the arena displaying the colorful flags of their home countries.

Master of Ceremonies Percy Philipa welcomed Minister of Culture and Sports, the Honorable Ramon Lee, and the presidents of Aruba's various sport organizations including Nicole Hoevertz, head of the Aruba Olympic Committee. Famed jazz saxophonist Delbert Bernabela did a moving rendition of the Aruba National Anthem and Roy Kroon, Aruba's team captain, read the athlete's pledge and prayer.

The volleyball action will continue throughout the week as the teams fight it out for the title until July 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets to watch the competition are available at the door for five Arubian Florins and a package for the entire competition is twenty-five florins.

The Aruba team reports they are relaxed and ready to win, and if the spirit from fans in the bleachers contributes, then they are sure to take home the title!